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SACRAMENTO MAN CHARGED WITH FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count superseding indictment today charging defendant VAUGHN JAVEL JOHNSON, age 38, of Sacramento, California, with being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition, and possession of firearms and ammunition by an unlawful user of controlled substances on February 3, 2006; and felon in possession of ammunition on May 24, 2006.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the FBI's Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, consisting of FBI special agents and Sacramento County Sheriff's Department detectives, with the assistance of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) special agents.

According to the indictment, JOHNSON possessed three firearms and eight different types of ammunition, and was an unlawful user of methamphetamine and cocaine at the time of the possession. The indictment further references JOHNSON's prior convictions, including transportation or sale of a controlled substance on or about April 6, 1990, and felon in possession of a firearm on or about December 11, 1992.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Samuel Wong, who is prosecuting the case, if convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law is 10 years imprisonment, and/or a \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special penalty assessment for each of the charges.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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